

**The Parishes of Aldbrough,
Mappleton & Goxhill with Great
Hatfield & Witherwick**



June 2016

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**** New benefice website ****

<https://aldbroughbenefice.wordpress.com>

See your Parish church on the websites;

A Church near you: www.acny.org.uk

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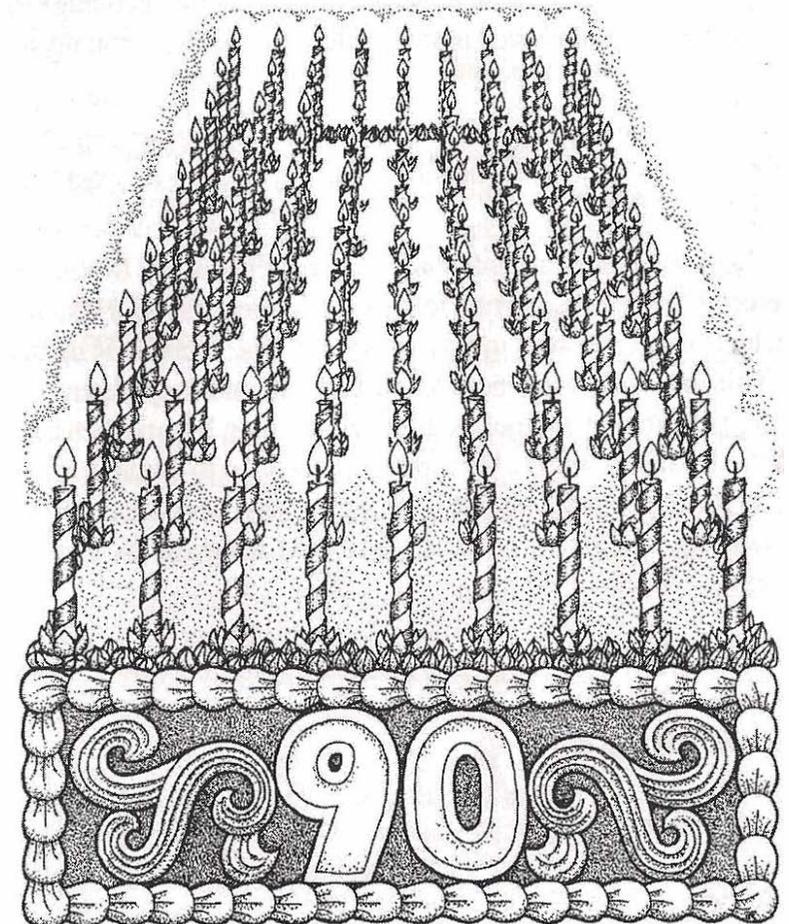
Why not try the Aldbrough & Witherwick
village websites ;

www.witherwickvillage.co.uk

www.aldbroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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Items for next Parish News to Paul by 22nd June, please



From the Vicar June 2016

It's now official: going to church is good for you! A 20-year study found that women who attended religious services more than once a week were 33 per cent less likely to die over the period than women who never attended. The report claims that 'There may be something important about religious service attendance beyond solitary spirituality . . . Part of the benefit seems to be that attending religious services increases social support, discourages smoking, decreases depression and helps people develop a more optimistic or hopeful outlook on life!'

Yes, this is American research and the study didn't include men, but none the less it is worth taking note of and perhaps it might encourage more people to venture into church more regularly - God moves in mysterious ways!

Our monarch is perhaps a perfect example of how regular church attendance keeps you fit and healthy – she attends church weekly even when on holiday!

It can't have escaped your notice that we are being asked this month, not only to celebrate Her Majesty's 'official' 90th birthday, but also to vote on whether or not we want to stay in Europe. The decision is up to us as individuals, but for those who would like a Christian perspective then may I suggest you take a look at The Reimagining Europe website. It does not take an 'in' or 'out' line but is committed to communicating Christian reflection and commentary in ways that enhance public understanding on an issue that many find confusing and divisive.

www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk

Locally we celebrate St Alban this month on June 19th– Withernwick's patron saint – Bishop Alison will be joining us, and I welcome you all to worship with us that day.

With every blessing.

Revd Anne

St Alban – helping a stranger in need

Alban should be the patron saint of anyone who impulsively offers to help a stranger in need... and finds their own life turned upside down as a result.

The story goes that Alban was a Roman citizen quietly living in England in the third century. Then, miles away in Rome, the emperor, Diocletian ordered a persecution of the Christians. Nothing to do with Alban... except that suddenly he found a desperate priest on his doorstep, being hunted down by local soldiers. Alban decided to give the priest shelter, and within days was converted to Christianity himself, and then baptised.

As if this was not brave enough, when the soldiers arrived, Alban decided to take the priest's place. He dressed up in the priest's clothes to enable the priest to escape. Not surprisingly, the soldiers then arrested Alban himself. Now a Christian, Alban refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and so was condemned to death.

But the story doesn't end there, for Alban went to his execution with such holiness and serenity that one of the executioners was converted, and the other executioner's eyes fell out (or so the story goes). Alban was buried nearby, and the shrine built to his memory was soon known for its healing powers. Alban's cult extended all over England, and nine ancient English churches were dedicated to him.

Royal Celebration

Blessed with a queen with a vibrant faith,
Elizabeth's rule has been one of grace.
As she reaches her 90th year in June
We give thanks for her reign of this island race.

Her reign has been long, over sixty years,
As Head of the Church she has never failed,
To be an example of serving her King,
True to the role to which she was called.

We thank God for giving us such a queen
And pray for the years that lie ahead,
That others who follow to rule this land
Will be godly and mirror the life she has led.

By Megan Carter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EVENT	DATE	WHERE
Aldbrough Summer Fete	2nd July	Seaside Road
Afternoon Tea	6th August	Anchorage, Rolston Road
Aldbrough Gift Day	27th August	Church
Hatfield Fete	29th August	Great Hatfield
Pies & Peas Supper	8th October	Aldbrough
Coffee Morning (for M+G)	FRIDAY 28th October	Hornsea Parish Hall
Aldbrough Christmas Event	3rd December	5 – 7pm Church environs

I have not heard the cuckoo yet this year, so far, and not seen a lot of house martins and swallows. I don't know why, maybe global warming is the cause. We have the 1st gannet chick, from same pair each year. Seeing plenty of summer visitor birds at Bempton, like the whitethroat and the stone chat, reed bunting and wheatear as well, plus a few rock pipits.

We are doing well with visitors this year, been packed out each day & car parks full by 11 am

Regards to all and God bless Revd Anne and all who read this
John

WANTED

If you have any old jam jars, can they be given to Kim Baish, or left at Mappleton church for him.

He is going to organise a fundraising jam making effort.

For the May meeting, **Withernwick Ladies Group** welcomed John Swales, who works with some of the members as a guide at Burton Constable. He started collecting pub names as a distraction on childhood journeys, and pub names, signs, and memorabilia have become a lifelong passion. Many of the traditional pub names have religious significance. For example, *The Goat and Compass* is believed to have its roots in the phrase "God encompasseth". Other names, such as *The Boot*, were convenient for constructing 3 dimensional signs to attract passing trade. The clutter of the signs of various businesses became a danger to the townspeople, so gradually regulations were brought in, leading to the type of signs we are familiar with today.

Pub signs today form an art gallery in the street for all of us to enjoy. Some of them are very creative, and use a variety of techniques. The talk ended with an A-Z of pub signs. We began with *The Albert and the Lion* in Blackpool, showing both characters in the cage at the zoo (not forgetting the horses 'lead handle'), and ending up more locally at the Zetland Arms in Kingston upon Hull.

There will be no meeting in June. Instead, the summer trip will be a day at Scampston Hall on Thursday 2nd June. On the first Wednesday in July our speaker will talk about an orphanage in Africa, so the raffle theme will be anything African.

On Monday 1st August, **Withernwick Ladies** will be holding their usual **Yorkshire day** fund raising event in Withernwick church from 11-3. Tea, coffee, and cakes will be available, with sandwiches around lunchtime. There will be a cake stall, and a stall run by the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who will receive the proceeds.

Must know Bible Stories no. 9: Daniel in the Lions' Den

This month's Must Know Story is Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6). The leaders in Babylon, under King Darius, wanted to get rid of him. However, Daniel was a powerful person in the kingdom, because he was committed to God. How did Daniel respond to the opposition?

He chose Character over Comfort. Although his opponents tried to find fault with Daniel (4), they were unable to do so, because he was 'trustworthy, neither corrupt nor negligent'. Are there things in our own lives that fail to please God and spoil our witness? Let's bring them to God and ask him to help us overcome them.

He chose Discipline over Distraction. A law was passed that declared anyone praying to a god, apart from King Darius, would be thrown in the lion's den. As soon as Daniel heard this, he went to his room to pray (10). He consistently maintained a discipline of prayer three times a day. Like Daniel, do we maintain such a daily discipline of prayer and reading the Bible, especially in the difficult times?

He chose Love over Life. When Daniel was found praying to God by his eyes fell opponents (11), he was reported to the king, who threw him into the lion's den. However, Daniel chose love for God over seeking his own comfort and security. He trusted God, who shut the mouths of the lions! As a result, King Darius issued a proclamation that everyone in the whole kingdom should worship the God of Daniel. Because of the choices he made, Daniel prospered (28). In what ways do we see our choices for God resulting in blessing?

Children's exam papers

The following real life answers to various exams explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate? - Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for? - He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?
Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. - Learning to speak Latin.

Services in the Benefice for June 2016:

EVERY Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee: Aldbrough

Sunday June 5th: Trinity 2

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

Sunday June 12th: Trinity 3

10.30 Parish Communion: Mappleton

2.30 Churches Together Unity Service: Witherwick

NO HEALING COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Sunday June 19th: St Alban

10.30am Parish Communion: Witherwick

with the Bishop of Hull

Sunday June 26th: Trinity 5

9.00 Holy Communion: Mappleton

10.30 Morning Praise/Communion: Witherwick

6.00 Evensong: Aldbrough

Sunday July 3rd: St Thomas

10.30 Parish Communion: Aldbrough

ALDBROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

June 4th - Coffee Morning 10 am to 11:30 am, with cake and bric-a-brac.

June 7th - Bible Study 2 pm to 3:0 pm.

June 8th - Craft Club 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

June 14th - Network Speaker -Helen Marchment at 2:15 pm

June 15th - Craft Club 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

June 20th - Beetle Drive at 6:00 pm,

June 21st - Bible Study 2:00pm.

June 22nd - Craft Club 1:30pm-3:30pm.

June 28th - Network 2:15 pm Members fun Afternoon.

June 29th - Craft Club 1:30 pm